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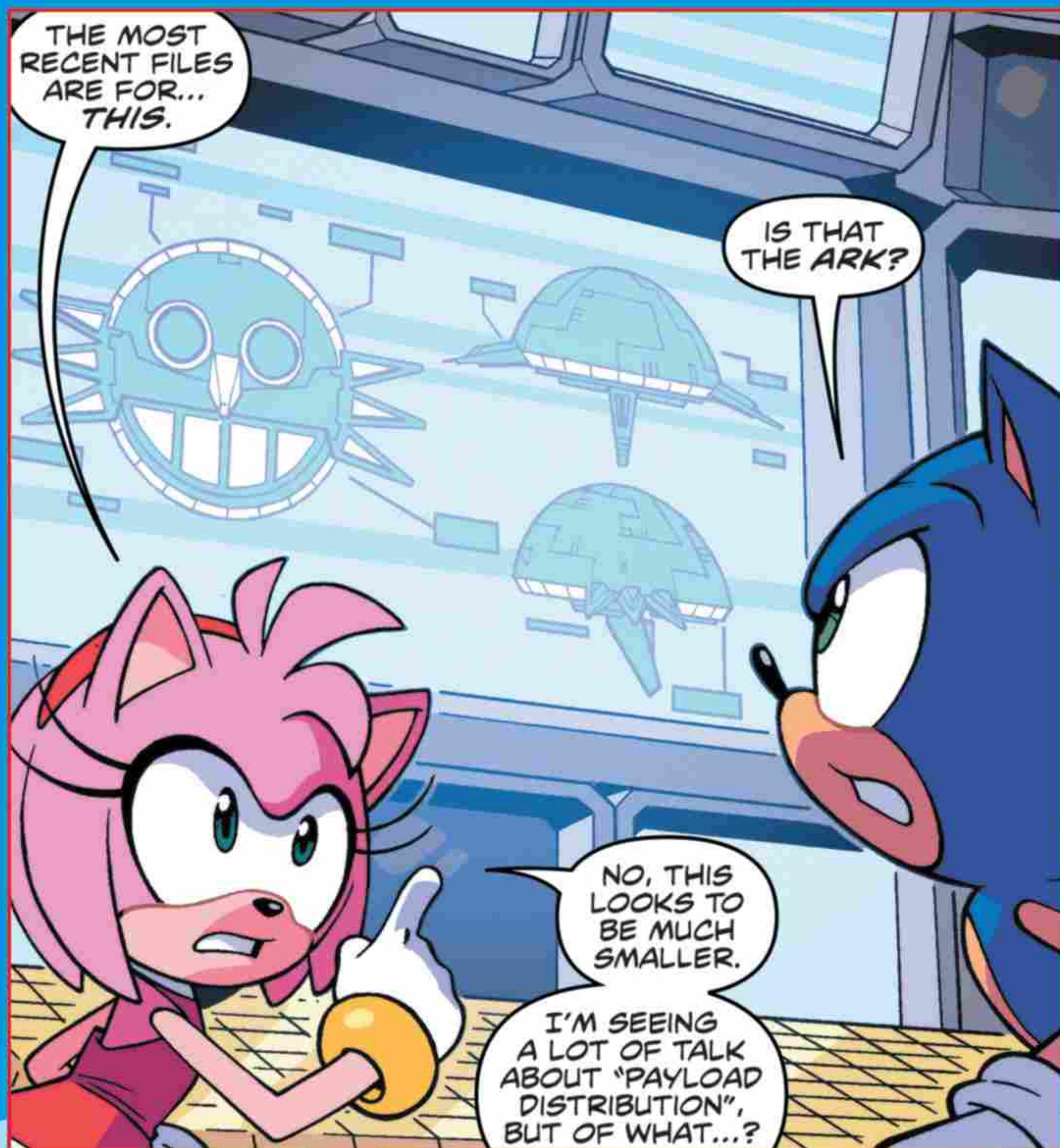
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MILES "TAILS" PROWER

High-Flying Genius.
Best friend, scientist, and pilot.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Bungee-Tailed Adventurer.
Excitable ally.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.



DR. STARLINE

Villain-in-Training.
Eggman Empire.







EXCUSE ME!

SAHEM WHAT?

SORRY! LET ME BRING YOU UP TO SPEED.



WE TRIED TO KEEP IT ON THE DOWN-LOW, BUT DR. EGGMAN LOST HIS MEMORY AFTER HIS LAST DEFEAT. WE FOUND HIM LIVING IN A REMOTE VILLAGE WITH A NEW PERSONALITY: MR. TINKER.*

WE WERE GOING TO LET HIM LIVE OUT THE REST OF HIS NEW LIFE IN PEACE, BUT HE WAS GRABBED BY SOME JERK NAMED DR. STARLINE. APPARENTLY HE GOT EGGMAN HIS GROOVE BACK.

*STH #5-6.



EGGMAN'S DEVELOPED THIS GUNK THAT TURNS LIVING THINGS INTO ZOMBIE-LIKE ROBOTS. I'M CALLING THEM "ZOMBOTS."

DON'T ROLL YOUR EYES, TAILS. IT SOUNDS FINE!

ANYWAY, I TANGLED WITH A COUPLE OF ZOMBOTS. TURNS OUT THEIR TOUCH SPREADS THE EFFECT OF THE GUNK AND I GOT INFECTED.



ARE YOU CONTAGIOUS?

THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS TAILS AND I WERE TRYING TO TEST. IT WAS KINDA CLOSE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I BEAT IT.



THAT'S NUTS! WAS ANYONE WITH YOU?

JUST AMY. SHE TOLD ME TO BOOK IT TO TAILS'S PLACE. I'M SURE SHE MADE HER WAY BACK OKAY.

PROOOBABLY SHOULD LET HER KNOW I'M OKAY.



I THINK WE SHOULD WARN EVERYONE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SIGNS OF THESE... *SIGH* ZOMBOTS.

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ALREADY ATTACKED YOUR TOWN ONCE. I'D HATE FOR IT TO BE TARGETED AGAIN.*

AWW! THANKS! IT'S BEEN PRETTY LIVELY SINCE— OH!

*STH #4.



THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU GUYS ABOUT! LISTEN!*

*CHECK OUT THE REST OF THE STORY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ANNUAL 2019! - ED.

MEANWHILE—
EGGMAN'S
SECRET LAB.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS AMAZED
ME, DOCTOR,
BUT THIS IS
PHENOMENAL.

HOW DID YOU
MANAGE TO BUILD
A NEW FLYING
FORTRESS SO
QUICKLY?

OH, IT'S
RATHER EASY
WHEN YOU HAVE
TWO THINGS.

FIRST, AN UNPARALLELED
GENIUS, SUCH AS MY OWN.
SECOND, AN ARMY OF
TIRELESS ROBOT
SLAVES.

I DIDN'T THINK
THE BADNIKS
WERE THAT
DEXTEROUS.

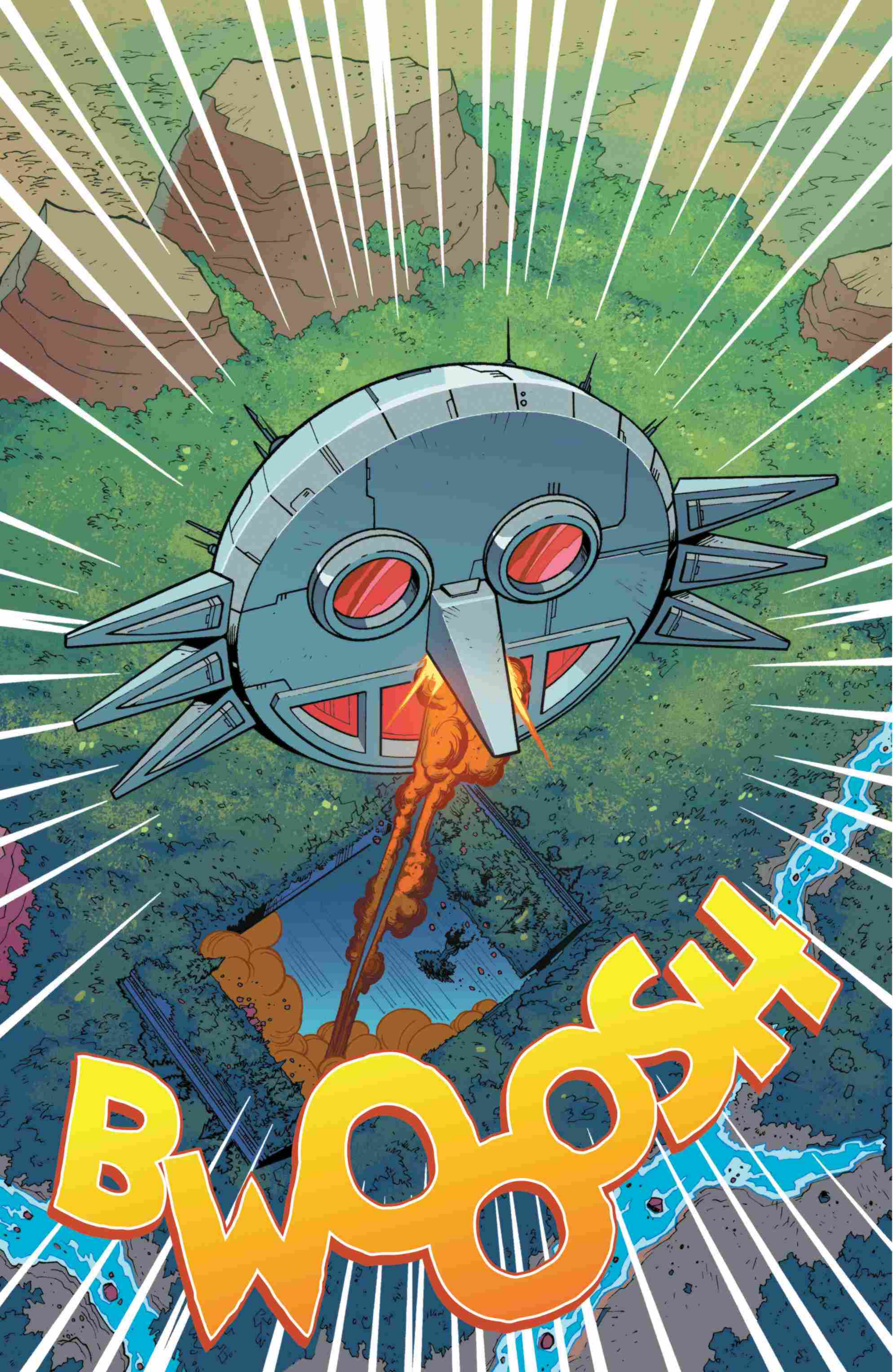
SOME ARE
MEANT FOR
BUILDING,
SOME FOR
WAR.

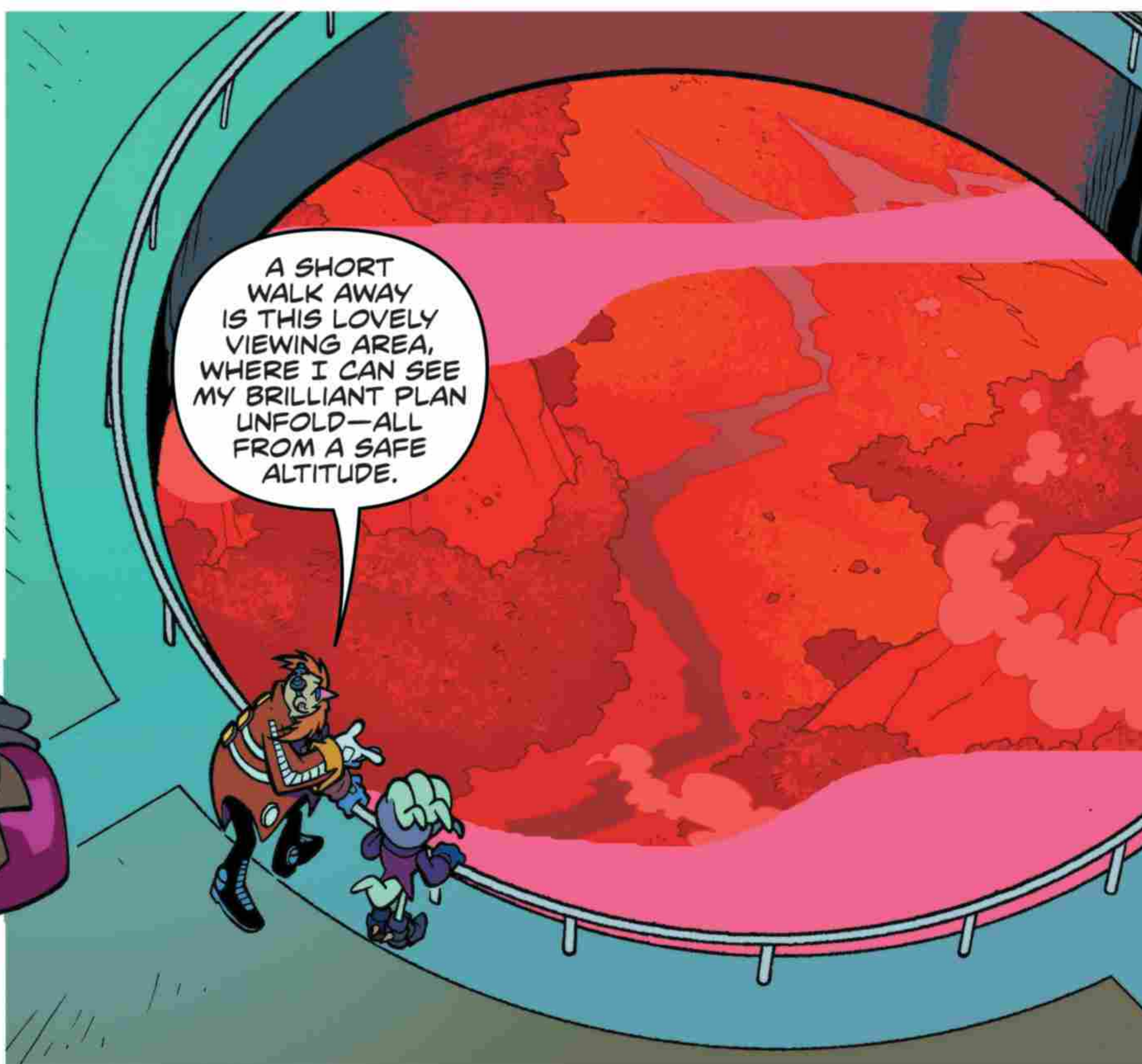
BUT THE SIZE OF
MY FORCE IS LIMITED
BY THE TIME IT TAKES
TO CONSTRUCT THE
SHELLS, ROUND UP
THE ANIMALS TO
POWER THEM, AND
COMBINE THE TWO.

BUT SOON
THAT WILL BE A
CONCERN OF THE
PAST. ORBOT!
LAUNCH!

INITIATING
LAUNCH
SEQUENCE
NOW, BOSS.

UP,
UP, AND
AWAY!







HERE
IS WHERE
THE MAGIC
HAPPENS!



AUTOMATED
MIXERS BLEND MY
SECRET FORMULA
TO CREATE THE
METAL VIRUS EN
MASSE!

IT SEEMS
SO... SIMPLE.
HOW DO YOU
ENCODE COMMAND
LINE? ASSEMBLE
THE INFECTING
PARTICLES?
OR THE—

AH-
AH-AH!
TRADE
SECRET!



ONCE IT'S
BEEN APPLIED
TO EVERY LIVING
THING IN THE WORLD,
I WILL HAVE AN
UNSTOPPABLE
ARMY OF ROBOT
SLAVES!

ANY PROJECT
WILL BE COMPLETED
IN **DAYS**, IF NOT
HOURS! NO WORLD
WILL BE BEYOND
MY REACH! NO
DIMENSION!

I'LL
RESHAPE
ENTIRE PLANETS
TO SUIT MY VISION
WITH MY BEAUTIFUL,
LIMITLESS
WORKFORCE!

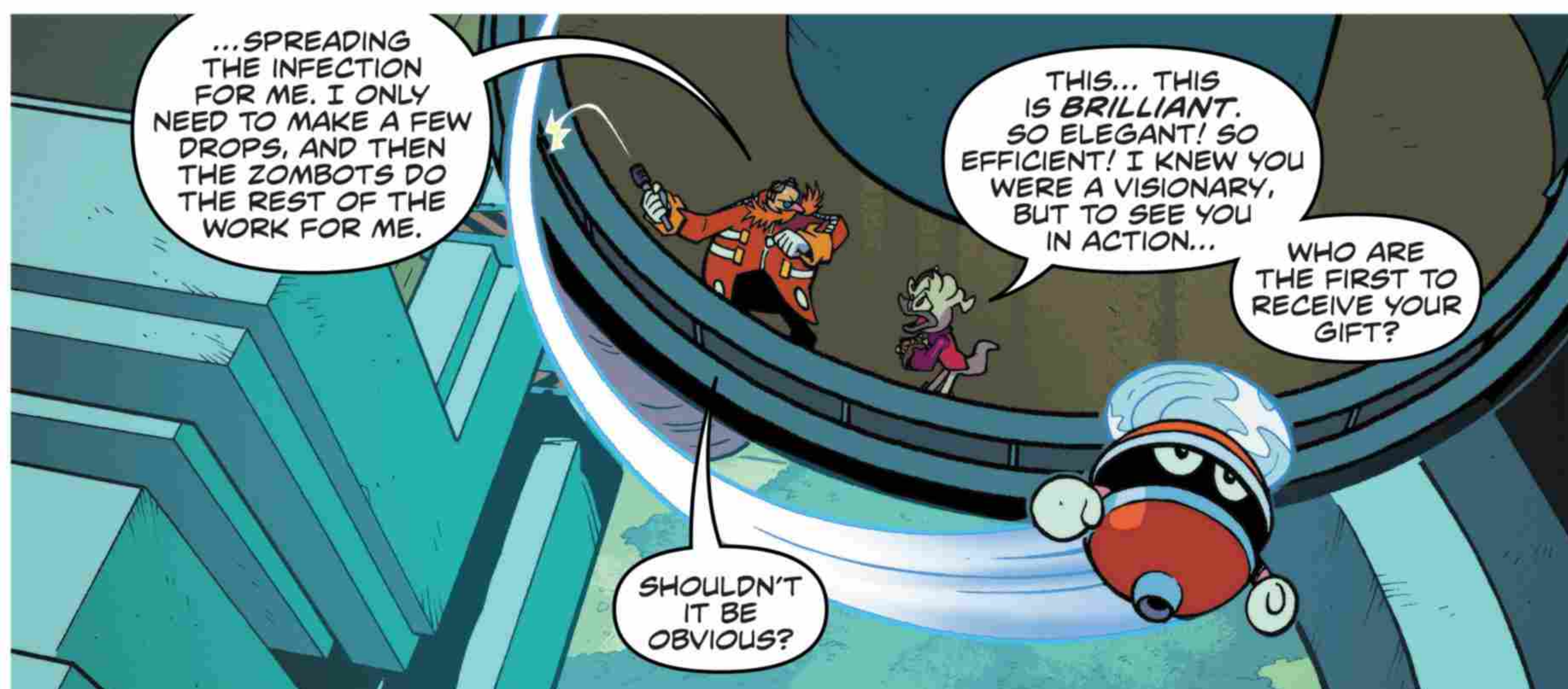


A BOLD
VISION, DOCTOR.
BUT... FORGIVE
ME.

I TOOK THE
LIBERTY OF RUNNING
SOME NUMBERS, AND
IT'S SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO CREATE
ENOUGH METAL VIRUS
TO INFECT THE WHOLE
WORLD, MUCH LESS
OTHERS...



THAT'S THE
BRILLIANCE OF MY
PLAN, STARLINE.
I DON'T HAVE
TO.

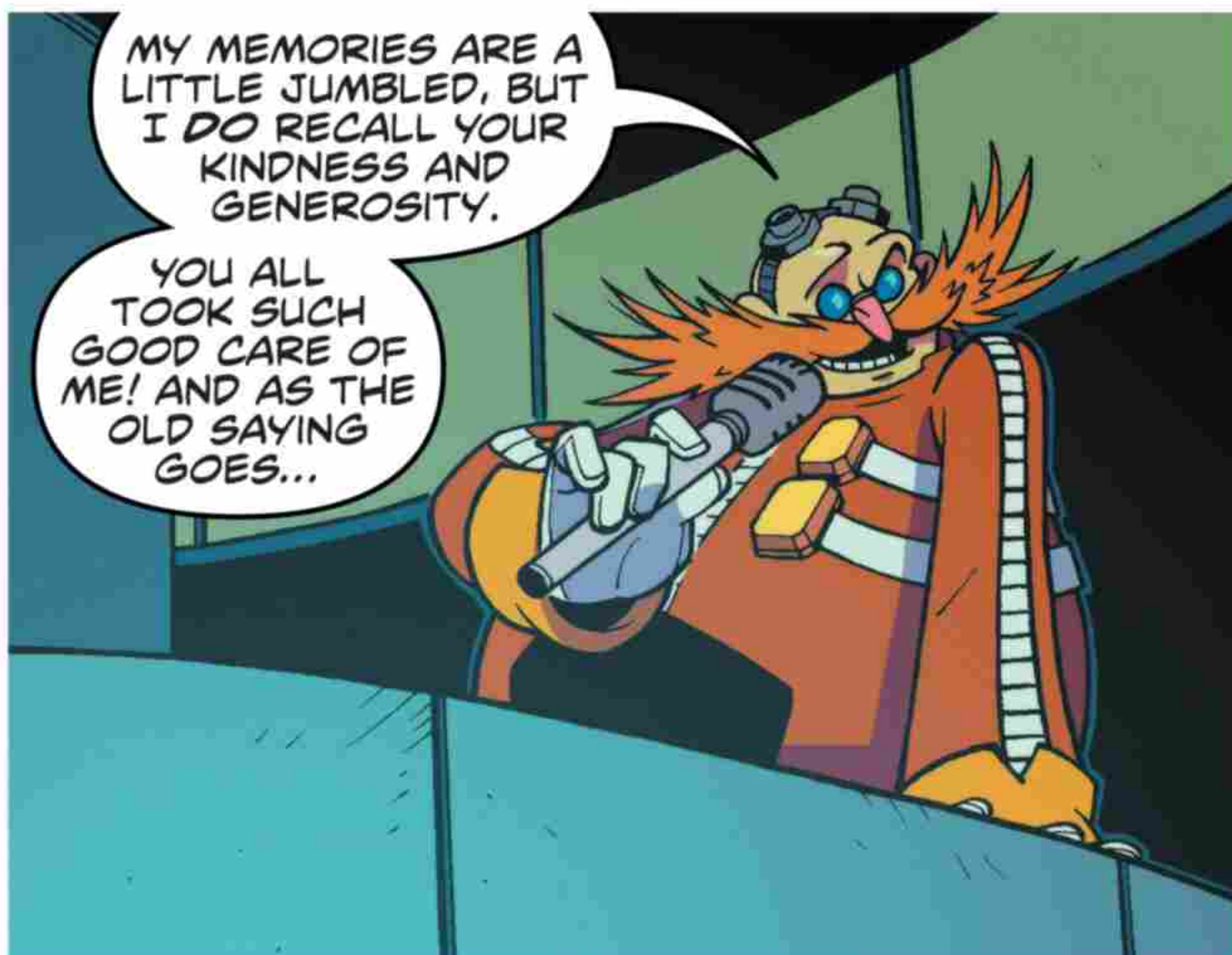




"THE SLEEPY
LITTLE
VILLAGE THAT
TOOK ME IN."



ATTENTION
CITIZENS OF
WINDMILL VILLAGE!
IT IS I—YOUR
BELOVED MR.
TINKER!

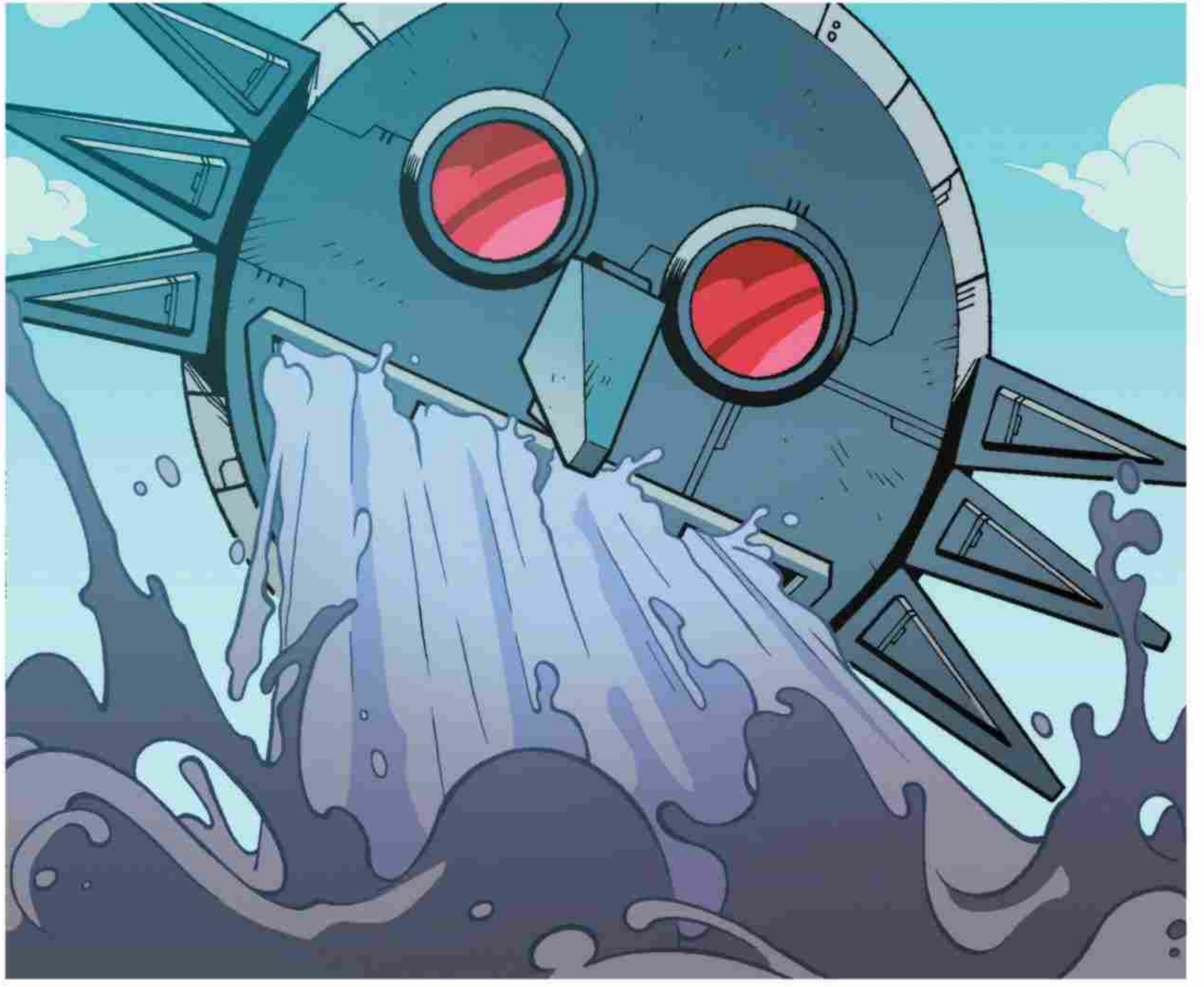


MY MEMORIES ARE A
LITTLE JUMBLED, BUT
I DO RECALL YOUR
KINDNESS AND
GENEROSITY.

YOU ALL
TOOK SUCH
GOOD CARE OF
ME! AND AS THE
OLD SAYING
GOES...

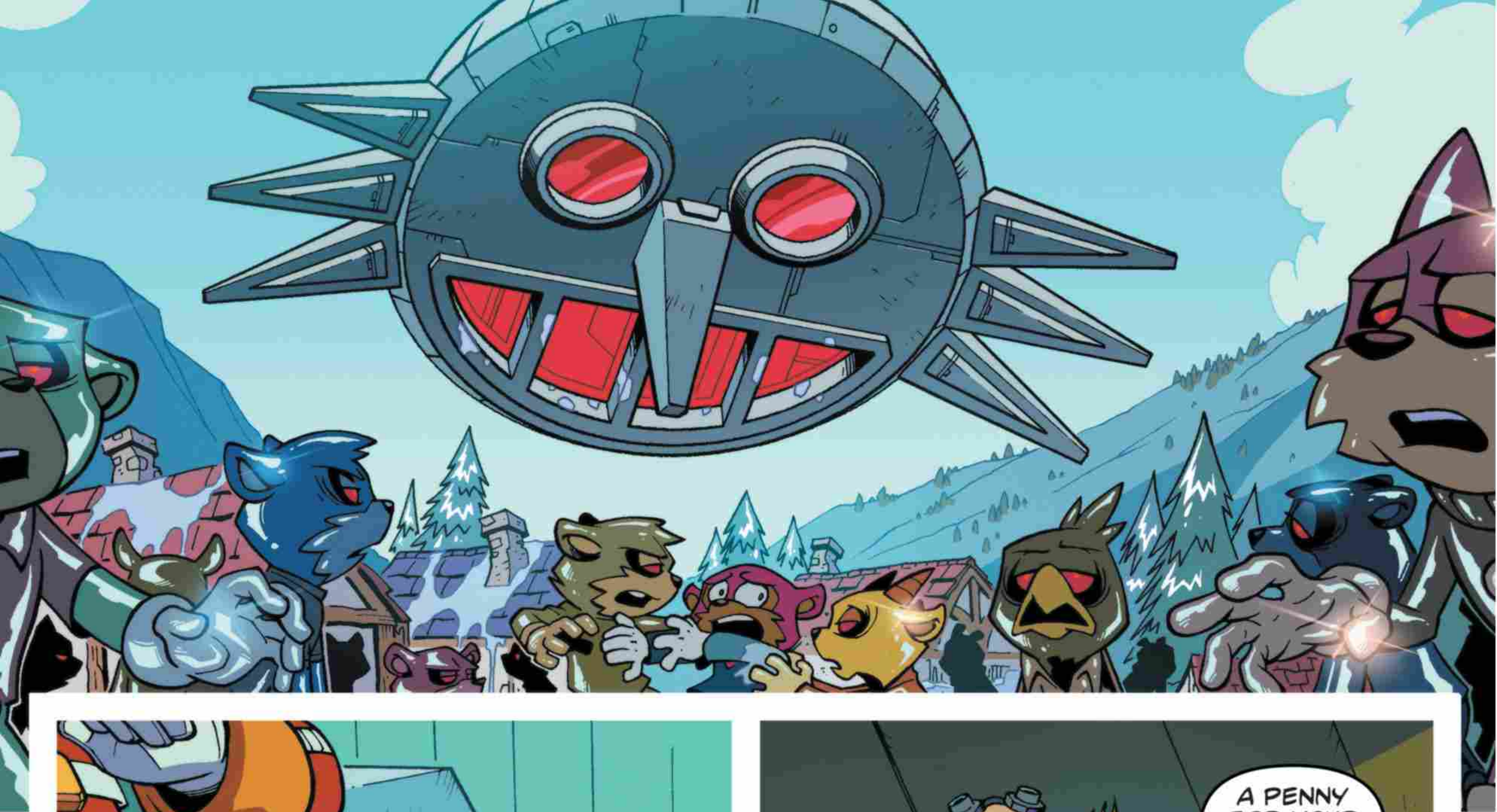


...NO GOOD
DEED GOES
UNPUNISHED.

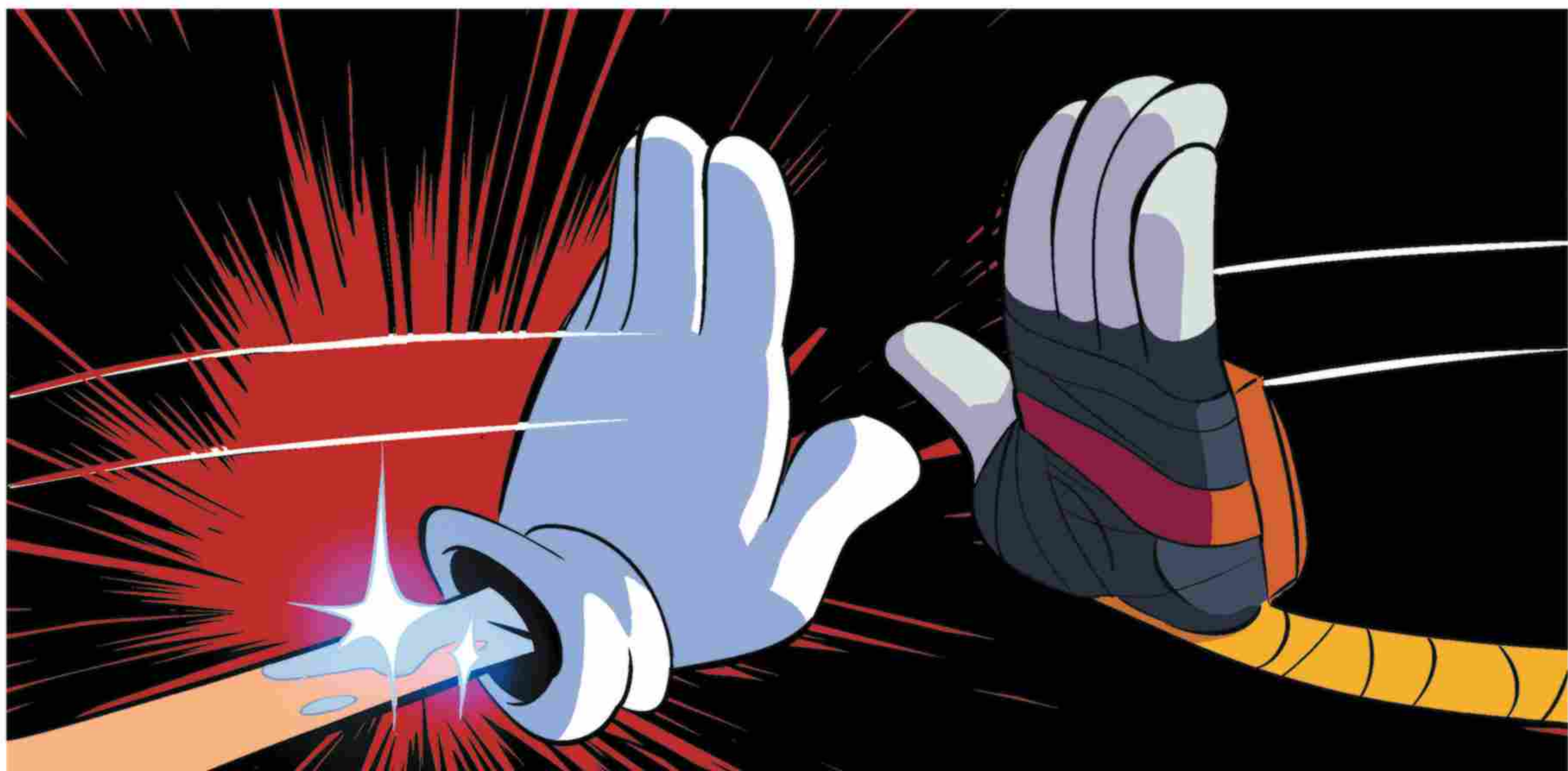
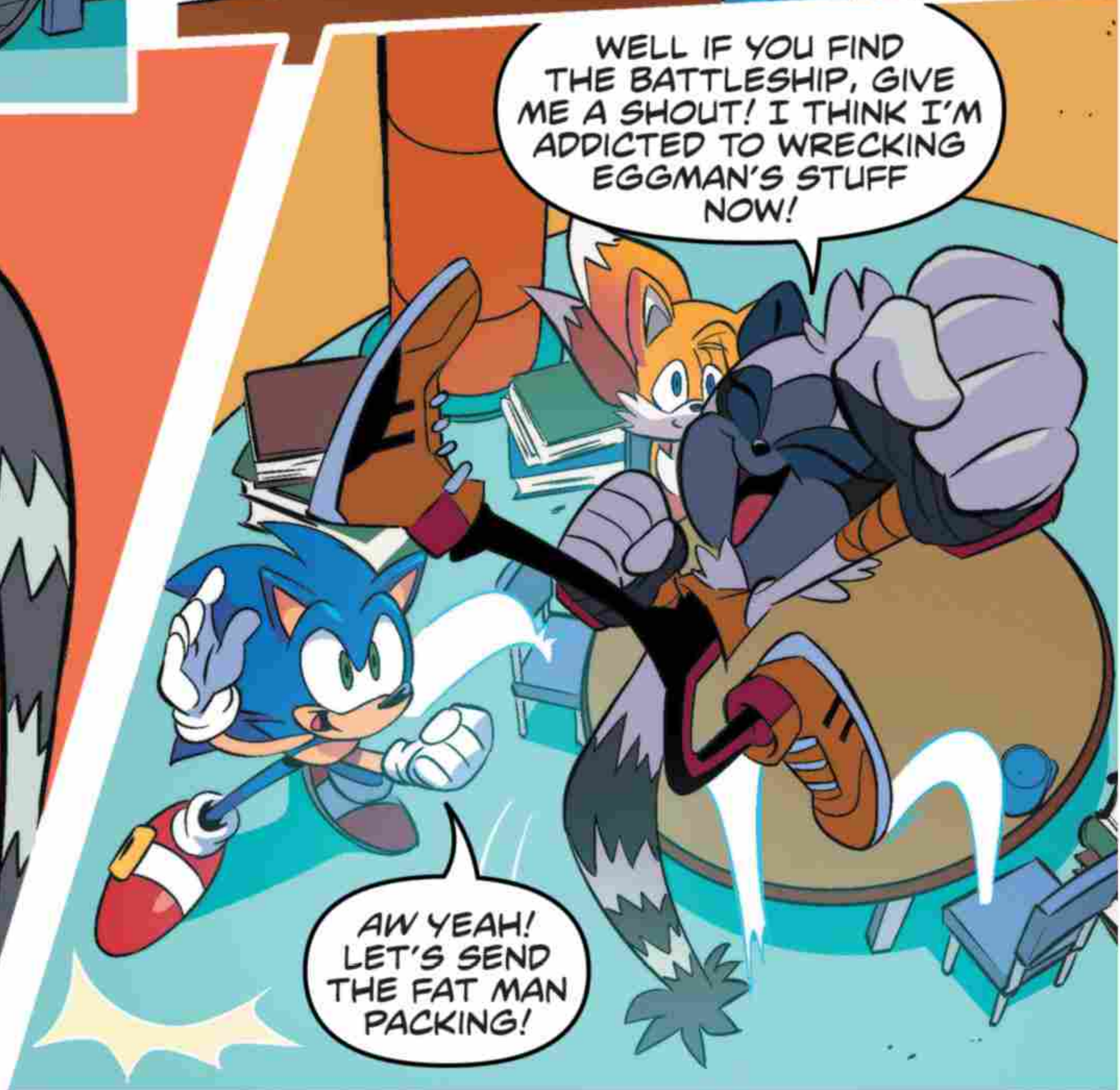




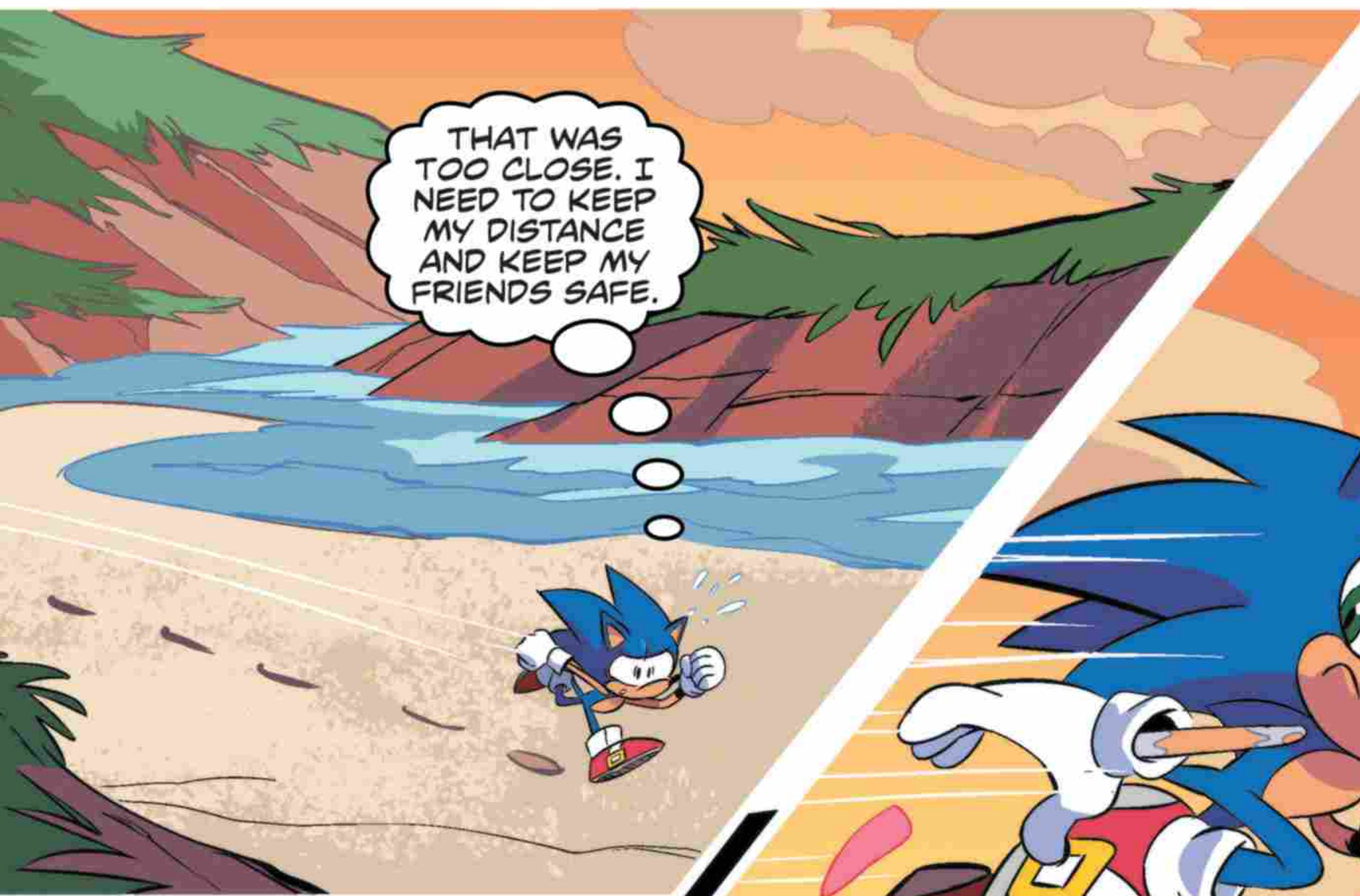




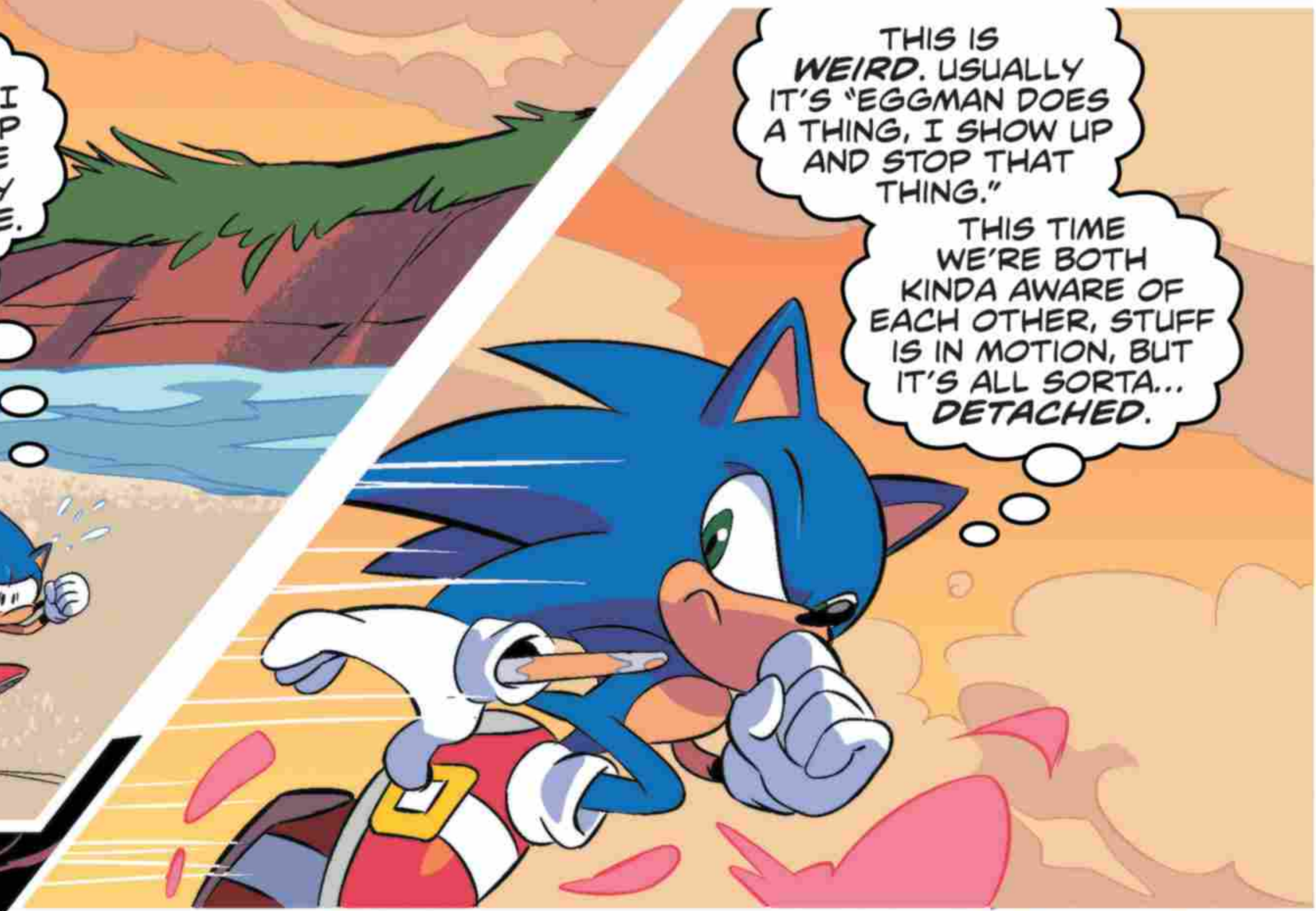








THAT WAS TOO CLOSE. I NEED TO KEEP MY DISTANCE AND KEEP MY FRIENDS SAFE.



THIS IS **WEIRD**. USUALLY IT'S "EGGMAN DOES A THING, I SHOW UP AND STOP THAT THING."

THIS TIME WE'RE BOTH KINDA AWARE OF EACH OTHER, STUFF IS IN MOTION, BUT IT'S ALL SORTA... **DETACHED**.



I'M ALSO NOT USED TO BEING A LIABILITY. MAYBE IF I **REALLY** PUSH IT, I CAN CURE MYSELF. SAVE TAILS THE HASSLE.

PLUS, I'VE DEALT WITH SIMILAR STUFF IN THE PAST AND COME OUT FINE! WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS, JUST LIKE ALWAYS. I'M... I'M **SURE** OF IT.



YEAH. TOTALLY **SURE**.





NEXT TIME:
THE CHAOTIX
INVESTIGATE
THE END OF
THE WORLD!



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hey Squad... Wow, Eggman's really committed to this Metal Virus thing, huh? Those poor villagers... And Sonic's still infected? Seems like this is more serious than we thought. Well, guess why we called this one "Infection"! And the team did a great job—big thanks to Ian Flynn, Diana Skelly, Priscilla Tramontano, Jack Lawrence, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee! While Sonic takes a lap to run off the infection, let's check out some awesome art and letters!

Hello, folks at IDW!

I would like to say I'm really excited about the new Sonic series. I've read the first few issues and they've been so good that I sometimes—for a moment—can't stand the fact that I have to wait a whole month for the suspense to clear up! I've read some graphic novels of the older series, but this is the first comic book series I've subscribed to, and no others have come yet.

I've been drawing since I was 6 or 7 and I have made a lot of my own superhero characters and the villains they have to go up against. Then when I was about 10, I was in my local library and I saw a graphic novel that had been misplaced on the comic book stand that was titled, "Sonic the Hedgehog: Countdown to Chaos." I had thought Sonic was kinda cool and I had played a couple games, but when I found that book, I became a diehard Sonic fan. I loved that book so much and decided to start drawing Sonic and reading more. I have since then only gotten better at drawing him. I've attached one of my best Sonic drawings. I worked really hard at it, and would love to see it in print. See ya!

Caius Hamel



Arty by Caius Hamel

Hi Caius,

That's a very good way to get into Sonic! Hooray for your local library getting you hooked! Sorry we have to keep you waiting from month-to-month, especially with how exciting this storyline is, but hey, at least we'll have more than one Sonic book out for a stretch of this summer! That'll help alleviate things! And your art's great! You really captured Sonic's movement well!

Hello IDW,

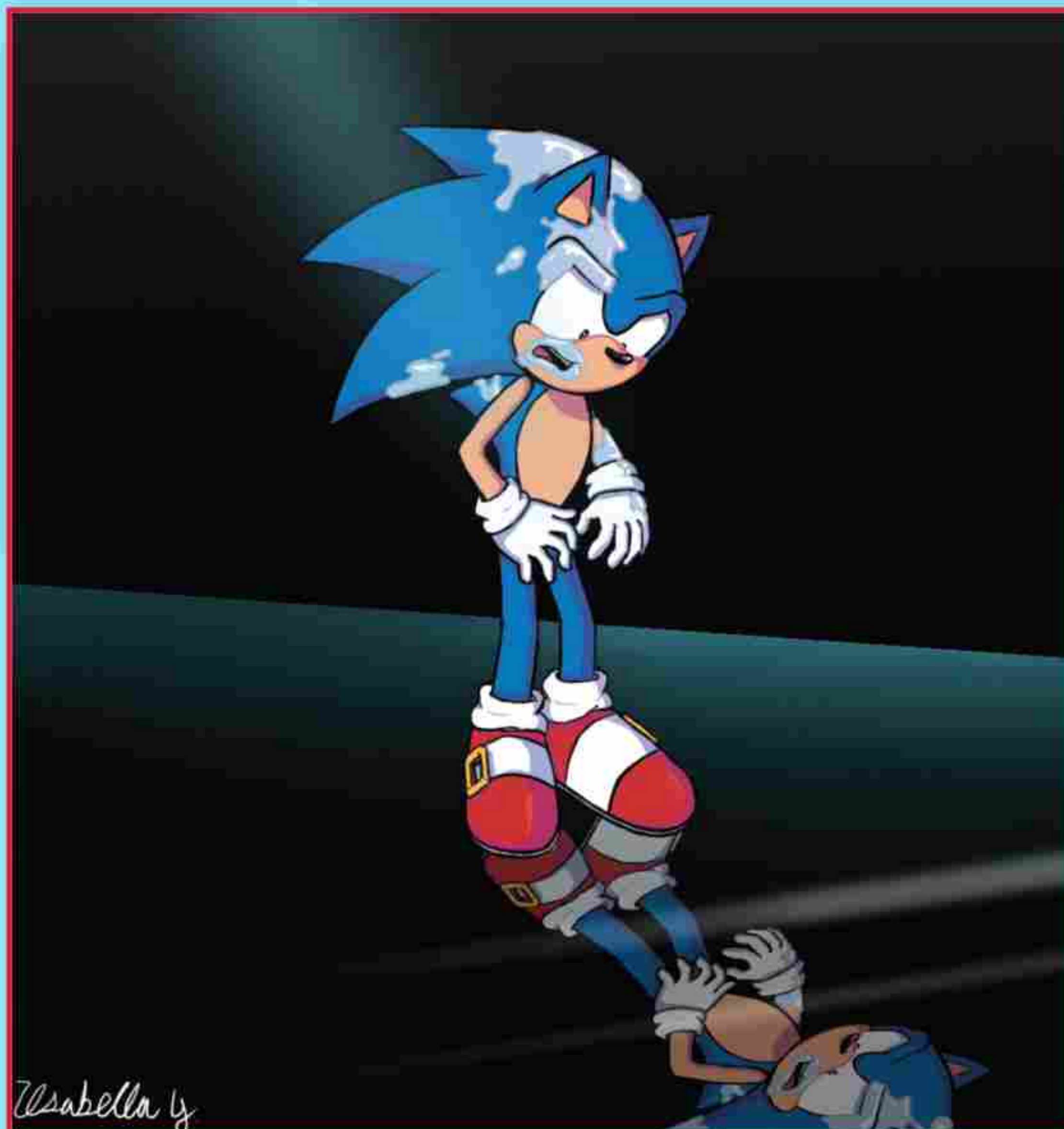
My name is Isabella and I'm 17. I think I've been a fan for 10 or 11 years and as soon as I heard there was a new Sonic comic series coming out I was so hyped! So I bet you're

wondering what the fan art is, Well, I just finished reading issue 15 and I'm so excited, this plot you guys have cooked up is really intriguing, I literally could not withhold my excitement! So I immediately did fan art for you guys.

I just wanna say I'm so happy that you guys have put in one of my all time favorite characters, Silver! And I love all the new characters as well! You guys are doing an amazing job. It's my dream to work for something Sonic related someday like the comics or just writing a simple story. Anyways I could just keep going and going but amazing props to all of you guys working on these comics.

P.S. This is my first time sending fan art to anything. Thanks for reading!

Sincerely, Isabella York



Art by Isabella York

Hi Isabella,

Thank you for choosing us to be the first people you share your fan art with! That makes us—and the whole Sonic Letters Squad community—feel very special! Your infected metal Sonic looks really good (and, of course, fits really well with this issue)! Given his metal virus infection, you could call him Sonic the Silver the Hedgehog! Keep up the good work and, who knows, maybe one day you will be making comics. You've already gotten one drawing in a comic, so you're off to a good start!

Hi IDW,

My name is Avery. I'm 9 years old from Maryland and I'm in the 4th grade. I have a little sister and I'm an awesome big brother. I really like reading, drawing and making my own comic books. I have my own comic book company called, Ninja Comics Inc. I wrote and illustrated my own made up Sonic character called, Whiskers the Cat. She has super sharp claws that can cut through anything. I want to one day share my comic book company with the world. Keep up the good work with your comics.

Your #1 Fan,
Avery H.



Art by Kai Toro

Hi Avery,

Sounds like you really are an awesome big brother! We like reading, drawing, and making comic books too! Whiskers the Cat, huh? Is she more like Blaze the Cat or Big the Cat? Either way, we're sure she's really cool! Keep up the good world yourself! One day, people will be clamoring for Ninja Comics Inc. books!

Hello!!

Some of my earliest memories in my life involves me playing Sonic games and reading Sonic comics. I still remember the day I walked into a book store as a kid to see a Sonic comic on the shelf and freaked out! You guys made me go back to being 8 years old again with these amazing comics. You even took one of my all time favorite villains... NEO METAL SONIC and made him the main big bad! This is the one

comic I look forward to every single month! Keep up the fantastic work, a round of chilidogs for the team!

Tahlia Espenscheid

Hi Tahlia,

Wait a second! We can turn back time? Make people into kids again?! That's great! Now we never have to grow old and we can just keep making Sonic comics forever! Mwahahahaha! Ahem! Whoops... Got carried away there. Too many chilidogs, I kinda lost it. But very glad we could give Neo Metal Sonic (and his other forms) a spotlight. Too bad he's gone, but now that Eggman's back, seems like everyone's going to be Metal!

That's it for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you next issue with our old friends the Chaotix Detective Agency!



Art by Avery H.



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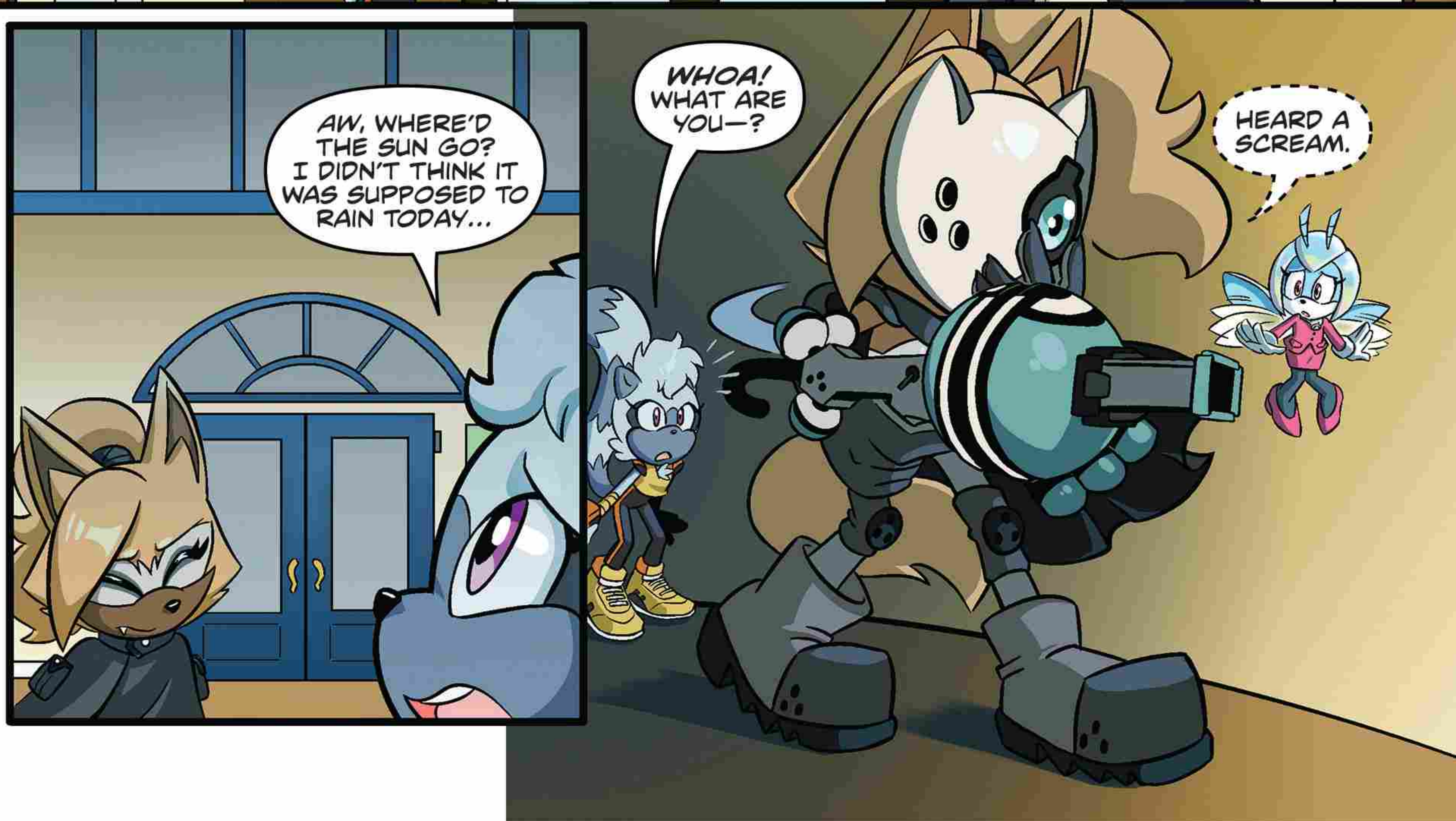
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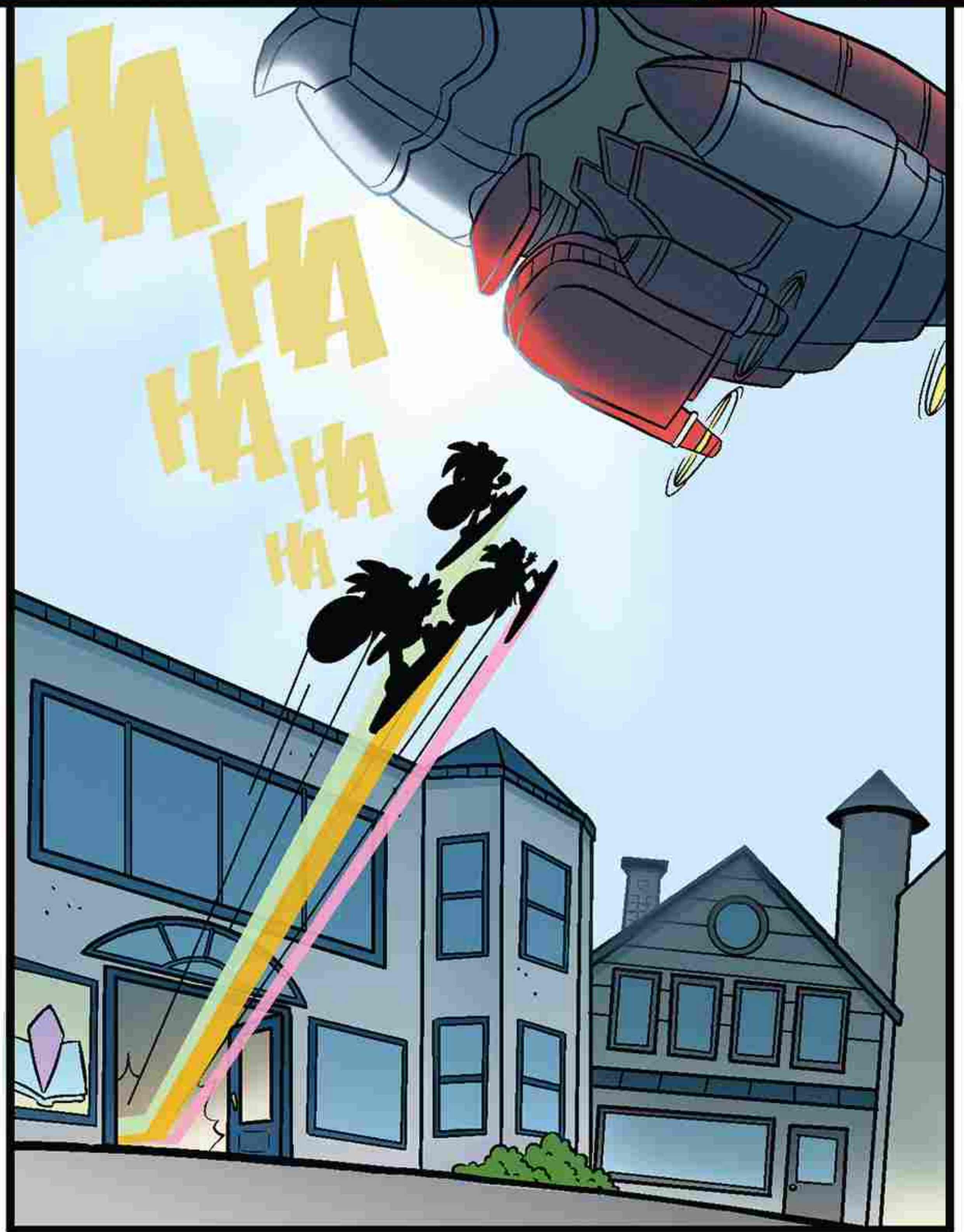
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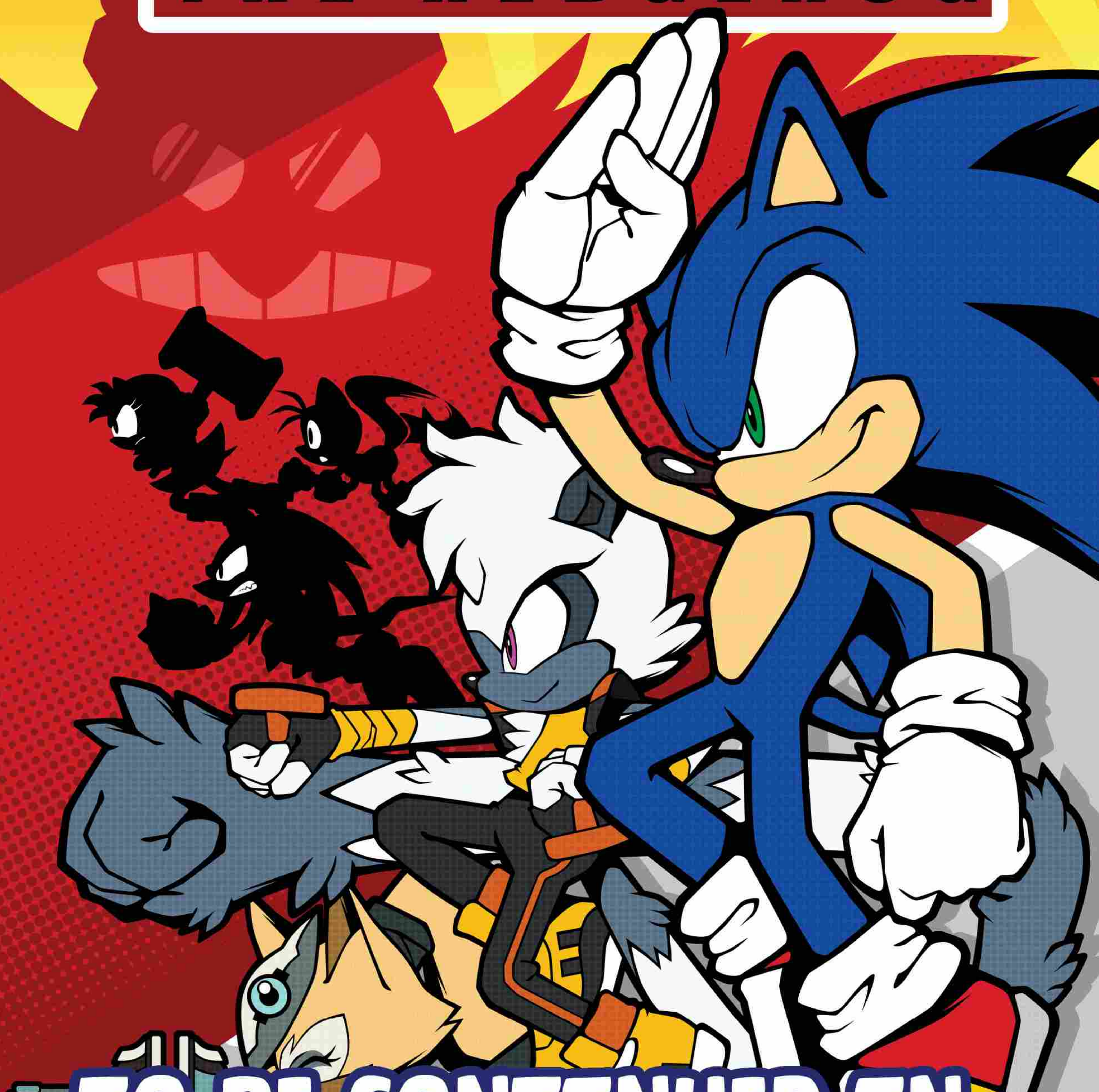






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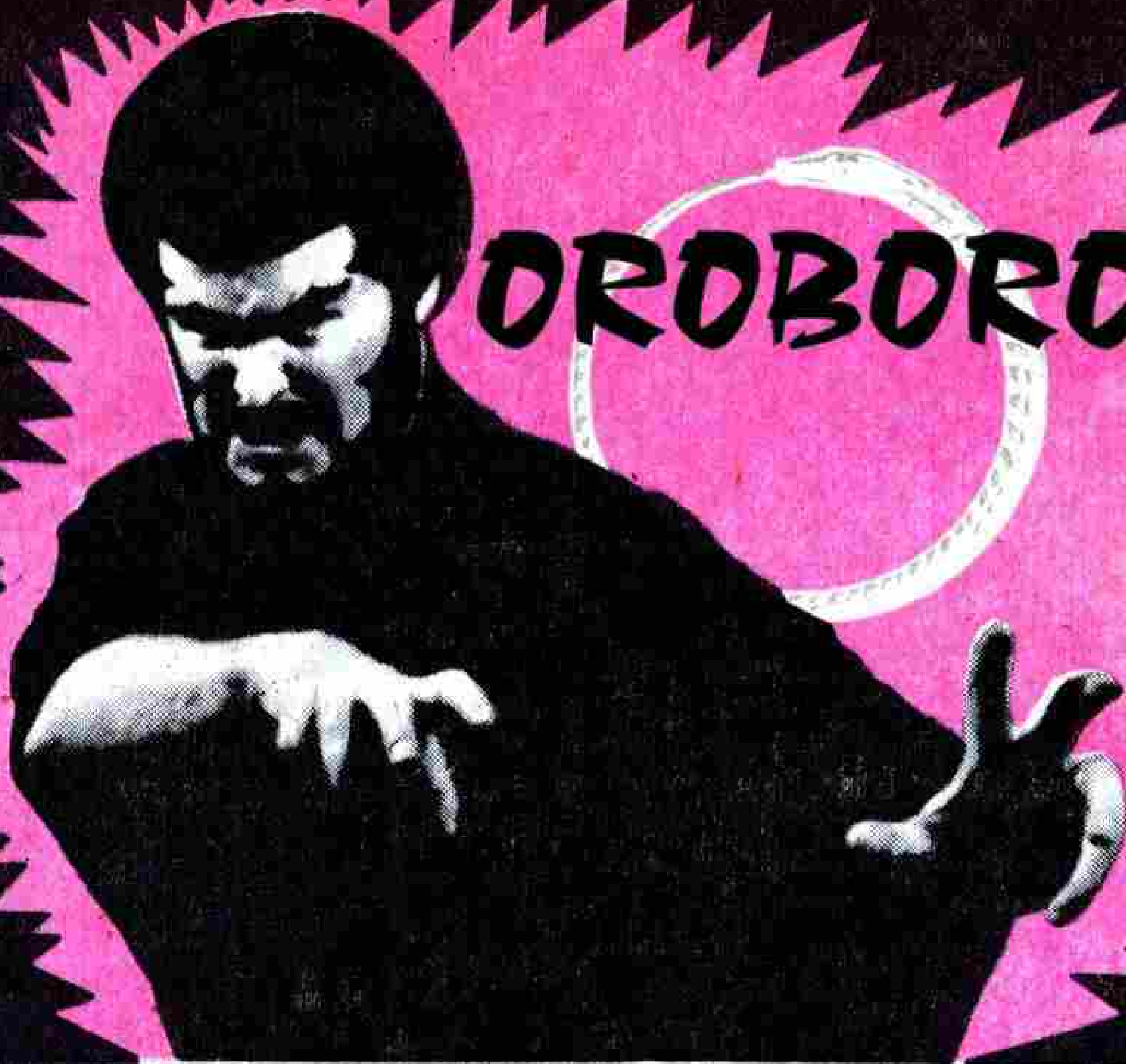


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